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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M  
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe  
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

DATE: 17 July 1951

SPECIFIC— Operation SPORTLEHRER (V-12045(P) of GV C

RzF : MDL-A-7352

1. The persons concerned in this operation are the following:

- Josef KURT MERK*
- ~~Josef KURT MERK~~, in charge.
  - V-11804, who acted as tipper.
  - V-12045(P), chief agent.
  - A cousin of V-12045(P), to be used as a support-point.
  - The sister of the above.
  - The father of V-12045(P).

2. The purpose of this operation is to obtain information from and about the border area (Eger, Karlsbad, Falkenau) of the CSR. On his first commitment V-12045(P) is to recruit the support-points described above. (Of these persons, the last is not to be given any information indicating that his son is engaged in IS work.)

3. The first meeting between V-12041 and V-12045(P) took place in January 1951. Not until 17 May 1951, after repeated conversations, did V-12045(P) declare his willingness to cooperate. The GV C background check on V-12045(P), in progress since 9 December 1950, has disclosed no derogatory information. He does not appear in the central ZIPFER files.

*Josef KURT MERK*

4. *V-12041* states that V-12045(P) is an honest and open person who manifests discipline in word and deed. He is self-confident, completely trustworthy, comradely, silent, careful, thoughtful, and conscientious. He is also cool-headed and courageous (has the close combat clasp award from WW II). He is well-suited for lone-wolf assignments. V-12045(P) has twice crossed the border illegally, staying with his father for eight days in December 1947 and for fourteen days in April 1948.

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